

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

4:34 p.m.

Room 327 House Office Building

Representative Garfield, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Garfield, Moore, Mortimer, Pavlov, Rocca, Espinoza, Sheltroun, Spade and Polidori.

Representative Rocca moved to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2005 meeting.

Representative Espinoza supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HJR F before the committee.

HJR F Garfield State; employees and officers; hiring for civil service position; provide preferential treatment to veterans.

Representative Garfield testified in support of HJR F.

The following people submitted cards in support of HJR F, but did not wish to speak:

Lino Pretto, representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart,
Richard Kryza and Patrick Lafferty, representing the America Legion,
Thomas McMasters, representing Disabled American Veterans,
Adrian Cervini, Sr., representing the Marine Corp League.

Representative Espinoza offered the following amendment to HJR F:

1. Amend page 5 by striking out all of lines 18 through 20.

Representative Polidori moved to adopt the amendment.

Representative Mortimer supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Garfield, Moore, Mortimer, Pavlov, Rocca, Espinoza, Sheltroun, Spade and Polidori,

Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Moore moved to report HJR F as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

Representative Sheltroun supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Garfield, Moore, Mortimer, Pavlov, Rocca, Espinoza, Sheltroun,
Spade and Polidori,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

HJR F reported out as an (H-1) with recommendation.

The Chair laid HB 5337 before the committee.

HB 5337 Jones Military affairs; other; waiver from "administrative hearings"
while deployed or serving on active duty; provide for.

Representative Jones testified in support of HB 5337.

Representative Espinoza moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 5337.

Representative Moore supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Garfield, Moore, Mortimer, Pavlov, Rocca, Espinoza, Sheltroun,
Spade and Polidori,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Captain John Wojcik, representing the Michigan National Guard, testified and indicated a neutral position on HB 5337. Questions and discussion followed.

Steve Kozera, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, testified and indicated a neutral position on HB 5337.

Judge Rosemarie Aquilina, representing herself, testified in opposition to HB 5337. Questions and discussion followed.

Lino Pretto, representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart, submitted a card in support of

HB 5337, but did not wish to speak.

Bill Kandley, representing Family Law Section, submitted a card indicating a neutral position on HB 5337, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Pavlov moved to report HB 5337 as substitute (H-2) with recommendation.

Representative Mortimer supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Garfield, Moore, Mortimer, Pavlov, Rocca, Espinoza, Sheltroun, Spade and Polidori,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 5337 reported out as an (H-2) with recommendation.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 5:34 p.m.

Representative John Garfield, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
November 8, 2005
1 hour

Date Approved and Signed